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MINUTES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LITTLE RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With the Church at

WILLOW SPRINGS MEETING HOUSE

Wake County, North Carolina

September 26, 27 and 28, A. D. 1924

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PROCEEDINGS

First—The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder E. F. Pearce from 1st Peter 2_1: "Wherefore laying aside all guile and hypochrisies and envies and all evil speakings."

Second—After a short recess the brethren came together, and after prayer by Elder Lee Hanks, the Association was organized by choosing Elder E. F. Pearce, Moderator and R. F. Smith, Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother O. S. Young.

Third—Brethren D. L. Godwin and J. A. Batten were appointed a Committee on Finance.

Fourth—Then invited all corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats with us. The following elders were chosen to preach today: J. T. Collier, G. M. Corbett and H. F. Hutchens.

Fifth—Then called for corresponding and visiting brethren from sister Associations as follows:

Upper Country Line: A file of minutes.

Lower Couontry Line: Elder C. B. Hall and Brother J. D. Dupree. A file of minutes.

Kehukee: Elder A. B. Denson.. A file of minutes.

White Oak: A file of minutes.

Abbott's Creek: A file of minutes.

Mill Branch: A file of minutes.

Black Creek: Elder J. T. Collier and Brother A. H.. Toler. A file of minutes.

Contentnea: Brother I. T. Eason and Elders T. B. Lancaster and G. M. Corbett. A file of minutes.

Fisher's River: A file of minutes.

Mayo: Elder H. F. Hutchens and Brother J. H. Smith. A file of minutes.

Seven Mile: Elders W. G. Turner, Xure Lee and L. A. Johnson and Brethren W. P. Griffin and C. C. Surles. A file of minutes.

Salem Not represented.

Roaring River: Elder W. F. Craft.

Zion: A file of minutes.

Yellow River of Georgia: Elder Lee Hanks.

Maine Conference: Elder F. W. Keene.

Sixth—Then called for letters from churches composing this Association. Letters were handed in, read, and their contents noted in the statistical table, (See Table.)

Seventh—Then called for petitionary letters. None presented.

Eighth—Then appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations:

Kehukee: Brothers J. T. Phelps and W. A. Herring. A file of minutes.

Upper Country Line: Brethren T. F. Adams, and J. P. Temple. A file of minutes.

Lower Couontry Line: Brethren R. H. Rambeau, O. S. Young, R. D. Langdon, W. F. Young, D. L. Godwin, R. F. Smith, and Elder E. C. Jones. A file of minutes.

White Oak: Brethren J. F. Adams and D. I. Pleasant. A file of minutes.

Contentnea: Elder E. C. Jones and Brotoher D. L. Godwin. A file of minutes.

Mill Branch: Elder E. C. Jones and Brethren R. F. Smith, J. G. Smith and J. A. Stephenson. A file of minutes.

Black Creek: Brethren D. L. Godwin, J. T. Hinnant, R. F. Smith and J. F. Adams. A file of minutes.

Seven Mile: Elder E. C. Jones and Brethren A. H. Dupree, C. E.. Pollard, O. S. Young, F. C. Hamilton. A file of minutes.

Abbott's Creek: A file of minutes.

Ninth—Then called on brethren appointed last year to sister Associations to report. The brethren generally attended and those who did not were excused.

Tenth—Agreed that the Committee on Finance take charge of the minutes from sister Associations and prepare for proper distribution to the churches of the Association.

Eleventh—Agreed that the officers of the Association, together with the Messengers of this Church, be appointed a Committee of Arrangement for the preaching during the sitting of he Association. .

Twelfth—Preachers appointed for tomorrow, Saturday: Elders W. G. Turner, T. B. Lancaster, Xure Lee, F. W. Keen, J. T. Spencer, L. A. Johnson, and Lee Hanks.

Thirteenth—On motion it was agreed to change the time of holding our Association from the last Sunday in September to the fourth Sunday in September, which does away with holding it on fifth Sundays when they occur.

Thirteenth B—Agreed that our next Association be held with the Church at Cleveland, Johnston County, North Carolina, to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September 1925, and that Elder E. C. Jones preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder Jesse Barnes be his alternate. Worship to begin at 11 o'clock A. M. Cleveland Church is located nine miles south of Clayton, N. C., and tweve miles west of Smithfield, N. C. Visitors coming by rail will be met at Smithfield and Clayton Thursday evening and Friday morning. Any one desiring to correspond as to their visit will address Brother B. A. Barbour, Clayton, R. 1., N. C. or Brother A. L. Coats, Clayton, N. C., R. 1.

The Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Fourteenth—The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened by praise and prayer by Elder T. B. Lancaster.

Fifteenth—Again called for corresponding and visiting brethren when the following were reported: Elders F. W. Keene, L. A. Johnson and A. B. Denson.

Sixteenth—Then called for a report of Finance Committee, which is as follows:

Received from churches this year ---------- $156.75

Disbursements

Clerk's Service ----------	$ 15.00
For printing and mailing minutes--	40.00
Distributed to visiting ministers----	101.75
Total ----------	$156.75
Balance on hand ----------	$000.00

On motion report was received and Committee discharged.

Seventeenth—Ordered the clerk to superintend and transcribe these minutes, and have thirteen hundred copies printedan d distribute them as per the order hereinafter prescribed, and enter a copy of same on our Association Record.

Eighteenth—Preachers appointed for tomorrow, (Sunday) were Elders A. B. Denson, Lee Hanks, and C. B. Hall.

Nineteenth—Agreed to extend thanks to the brethren, sisters, and friends of Willow Springs Church, and surrounding community for the kindess shown in supporting the Association during this sitting.

Twentieth—Agreed that the balance of the funds left in the hands of the Finance Committee, after defraying the usual expenses of the Association be distributed among the ministers from the sister Associations.

Twenty-First—Agreed that all irregular trade or traffic be forbidden within the legal bounds during the siting of the Association, and that we extend thanks to the officers of the community for their diligence in keeping order.

Twenty-Second—The Clerk of the Association is ordered to give sufficient notice of the time and place of holding the Association with all necessary information pertaining thereto.

Twenty-Third—On motion the above proceedings were read and approved, and adjourned until Sunday A. M. at 10 o'clock.

Benediction.

Sunday Morning, September 28th, A. D., 1920

Twenty-Fifth—Services were opened as per adjournment by Elder A. B. Denson, followed by Elder Lee Hanks, then by Elder C. B. Hall.. Thus closed one of our loveliest meetings, which seemed to be clothed with love and sweet fellowship. The attendance was small on account of rain which began with the opening and continued throughout the meeting. After a few remarks by the Moderator the meeting closed.

ELDER E. F. PEARCE, Moderator.
BROTHER R. F. SMITH, Clerk.
BRO. O. S. YOUNG, Asst. Clerk.

SERVICES

The following ministers preached through the Association:

FRIDAY

The introductory sermon by Elder E. F. Pearce from 1st Peter 2-1.

Elder J. T. Collier, Micro, N. C., Eph. 2-1 and 2.

Elder G. M. Corbett, Greenville, N. C., Gen. 1-1 and 2

Elder H. F. Hutchens, Spray, N. C., Job 6-6.

SATURDAY MORNING

Elder W. G. Turner, Dunn, N. C. (Failed to get text).

Elder T. B. Lancaster, Goldsboro, N. C., 1st Cor. 13-13.

Elder Xure Lee, Dunn, N. C., Gal. 2-20.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder F. W. Keen, Raleigh, N. C., Isaiah 44-3 and 4.

Elder J. T. Spencer, Hopewell, Va , Box 685, Isaiah 53-1.

Elder L. A. Johnson, Benson, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2 (Failed to get text)

Elder Lee Hanks, No. 2 Edwin Place, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. 11-1.

Elder A. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C., R. F. D. Matthew, 16-16 to 19.

Elder Lee Hanks, No. 2 Edwin Place, Atlanta, Ga., Matt. 28-19 and 20.

Elder C. B. Hall, Hillsboro. R. F. D , No. 2, Zach. 15-20.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT OF ELDER J. E. ADAMS

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of March, 1924, it pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us our beloved brother and minister, Elder J. E. Adams, who was born on the 11th day of January, 1834, in Cumberland County, (now Harnett), North Carolina, making his stay on earth 90 years, 2 months and 6 days. He joined the church at Fellowship on Saturday before the first Sunday in July, 1871, and was baptised on the following Sunday by Elder Moore Stephenson who was pastor at that time.

Before he united with the church he had impressions to preach and made his first efforts to speak in a public way in November following his baptism. He then continued to exercise among the churches for about three years, when the church called for his ordination, which took place on the 3rd day of August, 1873. The remainder of his life was devoted to the ministry of the gospel, having travelled and preached in various states, and especially in Georgia and South Carolina. He was a circumspect, model man. shunning unprofitable things and behaved himself well in the house of God.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, First, that we, the Little River Primitive Baptist Association, desire to bow in humble submission to the dispensation of God's providence, feeling that our loss is his eternal gain, and hoping that it may be in the Providence of our God, that we may be so led that when the hour of our departure comes, we may join with him and all those who have gone on before, to ascribe greatness and praise to Israel's God.

Second, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, one published in Zion's Landmark, one in the Primitive Baptist, one in the Advocate and Messenger and one sent to the family.

Time and Place of Holding Quarterly Meetings, With Pastor's Names Attached

Bethany—J. T. Collier, pastor fourth Sunday and Saturday in February, May, August and November.

Bethel—A. D. Johnson, pastor, Second Sunday March, June, September and December.

Clement—L. H. Stephenson, pastor, second Sunday and Saturday in March, June, September and December.

Fellowship—Elder J. A. T. Jones, pastor, first Sunday and Saturday before, February, May, August and November.

Hannah's Creek—Xure Lee, pastor, third Sunday and Saturday before February, May, August and November.

Little Creek—E. F. Pearce, pastor, third Sunday and Saturday before in January, April, July and October.

Middle Creek—J. A. T. Jones, pastor, second Sunday and Saturday before February, May, August and November.

Rehobeth—Elder G. W. Stephenson, fourth Sunday and Saturday before February, May, August and November.

Oak Grove—Elder J. T. Collier, pastor, second Sunday and Saturday before February, May, August and November.

Raleigh—Elder E. L. Cobb, pastor, third Sunday and Saturday before February, May, August and November.

Salem—J. A. T. Jones, pastor, first Sunday and Saturday before February, May, August and November.

Sandy Grove—Elder L. H. Stephenson, pastor, third Sunday and Saturday before March, une, September and December.

Smithfield—J. A. T. Jones, pastor, first Sunday an Saturday before January, April, uly and October.

Union—E. F. Pearce, pastor, second Sunday and Saturday before March, une, September and December.

Willow Springs—J. A. T. Jones, pastor, fourth Sunday and Saturday before February, May, August and November.

Mt. Gilead—Elder L. H. Stephenson, pastor, first Sunday and Saturday before March, June, September and December.

Mt. Zion—W. G. Turner, pastor, second Sunday an Saturday before in January, April, July and October.

Four Oaks—A. D. Johnson, pastor, first Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September and December.

Cedar Grove—No pastor, first Sunday and Saturday before January, April, July and October.

Gift Church—R. E. Johnson, pastor, fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January, April, July and October.

Angier—Elder C. .B. Hall, pastor, first Sunday and Saturday before in March, June, September and December.

Cleveland—Elder E. C. Jones, pastor, third Sunday and Saturday before in January, April, July and October.

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Kehukee—Elder S. Hassell, Williamston, N. C.	45
Contentnea—Elder J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.	25
White Oak—Elder Isaac Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.,	25
Abbott's Creek—A. L. Owen Salisbury, N. C.	20
Fisher's River—Elder F. P. Stone, Francisco, N. C. R 1	25
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, 137 Broad St., Danville, Va.	20
Mayo—Elder S. A. Thompson, Stewart, Va.	30
Seven Mile—W. V. Blackman, Bentonville, N. C.	15
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Names of Ministers Belonging to the Little River Primitive Baptist Association and Their Postoffice Address

J. A. T. Jones, McCullers, R. F. D, Wake County, N. C.
R E. Johnson, Four Oaks, N. C., R. 3.
Jessie Barnes. Smithfield, N. C.
A. D. ohnson, Coats, N. C.
E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C.
L H. Stephenson, Willow Springs, N. C , R. 1.
G. William Stephenson, Benson, N. C., R. 1.
E. C. Jones, McCullers, N. C., R. 1.

Names of Churches, Clerks and Post Office Address

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Bethany, 45 copies, A. Wiggs, Pine Level, N. C..
Clement, 40 copies, W. M. Hobbs, Smithfield, N. C.
Fellowship, 50 copies, C. H. King, Willow Springs, R. No. 1.
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Sunday of Meeting	Year Asso. Last held	Contributions
Bethany	G. T. Boyette, W. T. Woodard, Alex Riggs	3	--	1	1	1	--	50	4	1911	$10.00
Bethel	H. P. Young, B. F. Young, C. K. Pleasant	8	1	--	--	2	--	70	2	1918	6.00
Clement	L, H, Stephenson J. M. Langdon, L. R. Moore	1	--	--	--	--	1	42	2	1906	5.00
Fellowship	F. M. Roberts, J. R. Langdon, G. H. Roberts		--	1	1	2	--	60	1	1916	4.25
Hannah's Creek	L. S. Penny, C. A. Johnson, J. Willis Creech	1	--	--	--	1	1	84	3	1923	6.00
Little Creek	J. A. Batten, J. T. Phelps, J. J. Batten		--	--	--	--	3	28	3	1913	7.00
Middle Creek	S. B. Sauls, J. B. Britt, E. C. Jones	2	--	--	--	--	--	21	2	1915	9.00
Mt. Gilead	J. T. Hinnant, D. A. Thompson, E. Ennis		--	--	--	3	1	20	1	1907	6.00
Oak Grove	O. Tingen, W. G. Woodard		--	--	--	--	--	9	2	----	2.50
Rehobeth	G. William Stephenson, J. C. Barbour, D. I. Jones		--	--	--	--	2	35	4	1921	4.00
Raleigh	J. P. Temple, J. L. Britt, W. C. Rowe		--	6	--	1	--	48	3	1902	10.00
Salem	G. R. Stancil, J. I. Whitley, W. R. Brannan		--	--	--	--	--	32	3	1909	8.00
Sandy Grove	E. G. McGee, Alex Dupree, S. L. Ogburn	5	--	2	1	--	--	27	3	1920	6.00
Smithfield	F. C. Hamilton, D. L. Godwin, D. T. Stephenson	4	--	--	1	--	1	62	1	1919	11.00
Union	J. P. Tiner, J. H. Brady, J. T. Gurley		--	--	--	--	4	51	2	1917	10.00
Willow Springs	D. H. Adams, C. E. Pollard, T. F. Adams	1	--	--	--	--	--	33	4	1924	10.00
Mt. Zion	R. D. Langdon, R. F. Smith, R. S. Parrish	1	--	--	1	1	1	34	2	1912	5.00
Four Oaks	W. C. Moore, J. R. Durham, J. H. Massengill		--	--	--	1	2	38	1	1910	5.00
Cedar Grove	J. W. Powell, W. J. Lowery		--	--	--	--	--	6	1	1887	2.00
Gift	G. M. Stewart, R. D. Ennis, J. A. Stephenson	11	1	--	--	--	3	72	4	1914	5.00
Angier	O. S. Young, W. F. Young, J. F. Adams	8	--	--	--	1	2	46	1	1922	20.00
Cleveland	B. A. Barbour, A. L. Coats		--	--	--	1	--	14	3	----	5.00
		45	2	10	5	14	21	872	-	----	156.75

George Morris.
Father of Elizabeth
Morris. mother of
Sina Sassitor, Joe
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